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APPROVAL CERTIFICATION PICTURE DATA VERIFYING

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ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To maintain the reliability of an approval mark to be

applied to a distributor who receives the approval of the use of a piece of music.

SOLUTION: A music distributor who receives the approval of the use of a

piece of music from a copyright management group performs access to a management server 30 to download an <u>approval mark</u>. The <u>approval mark</u> is

embedded with approved $\underline{\text{contents}}$ decided at approval as an electronic watermark,

and the distributor carries the $\underline{approval\ mark}$ in a music distribution Web page.

A general user is able to verify the $\underline{\text{approval mark}}$ carried by the distributor

by a general terminal 10 integrated with a verifying program, and when a Web

page carrying the $\underbrace{\text{approval mark}}_{\text{decided at}}$ is different from the Web page

approval, it is judged that the $\underline{approval\ mark}$ is duplicated or altered, and it

is displayed that the approval mark is illegal.

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